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We wish the dam-makers well. The people have paid for enough experiments.

Seattle liners find Honolulu a pretty good port in a storm. Why not a fair-weather port as well?

It seems that our Constitution, in the hands of the Supreme Court, will not allow many things that ought to be.

The despised Knicker can always check a town's progress, but can't do it for long when the Boosters are at work.

When in doubt the west coast correspondent turns to a war-sear interpretation of what should pass as an every-day incident.

Taft's proposal to increase the pay of the army puts him entirely outside the possible favor of what's left of the anti-imperialists.

Hughes and La Follette are said to be giving Taft lots of trouble. But, after all, Foraker is the real thorn in the Ohio candidate's side.

The purser on the China is about right. One case of cholera properly exploited by the Knickers does as much damage to the city as one hundred.

When Magoon comes back with such a showing of earnings for the estate in dispute the layman is disposed to wonder what the row is all about.

Thaw pleads insanity. There seems no doubt of it, but his great financial resource is largely responsible for his ability to make such a fight to prove it.

According to a Washington dispatch the bee-keepers are highly enthusiastic over the plans to preserve the forests. Good work helps in a multitude of ways.

The moralists may now discuss whether Longman made full atonement for his sins before he pegged out. Schmitz will probably vote "No" for the immoralists.

Methodist ministers are said to complain that Speaker Cannon's lips "drip with profanity." That all depends on whether a curse-word spoken in good faith is profanity.

There has never been a day in the history of Hawaii when money in large or small amounts invested in Hawaii's industrial securities gave more certain promise of large returns.

The kindly government that builds an expensive driveway for an additional approach to Tanalan, ought not to refuse the few dollars necessary to blaze a few feet of trail for pedestrians.

The East is enjoying another epidemic of the grip. Should it reach Honolulu this malady will probably cause more discomfort and perhaps more deaths than all the cholera or plague of a year.

Cuba's loss is Hawaii's gain. The inability of the Cubans to develop their sugar estates gives this Territory another lease of life from the Demitition Howwows which the pessimists picture each year as just around the corner.

The Floral Parade of this year will accommodate itself to the pleasure of the big Seattle excursion. And for that reason alone should have enthusiastic support from every man and woman who believes in the progress of Hawaii.

The death of James Low will be very generally regretted in Hawaii. He was one of the creative men of the Islands, who had apparently just about completed the hard-work foundation of life, and ready to enjoy some of the benefits.

Hitchcock, the man who has been distributing much patronage for the Administration, is said to be about to resign in order to take charge of

Secretary Taft's campaign for delegates to the Republican National Convention. It is thus that Federal officials keep out of politics. If Hitchcock is successful it is not to be supposed he will again seek the retirement of a civil service appointment.

"SAN FRANCISCO SPIRIT" AND THE KNOCKER CAMPAIGN

People who return from San Francisco and the State of California may say all they please of the "plague in Frisco," the worry of the banks and the leading business interests that are thinking hard on what and with whom they may fill their new blocks.

They may croak as they will, but the citizens of the district of Honolulu and the Territory of Hawaii would profit mentally and morally and financially if they would take an example from the "spirit of San Francisco," which refuses to look upon or to know the dark side.

It is not to be doubted that San Francisco is having a hard struggle and is putting up a brave fight. But such a phrase as "give up" is not to be found in its language for business men. There is an eternal campaign of "boost"—and it is paying. This is not a campaign of misrepresentation but rather a working out of the doctrine of determination to win.

For this reason, the reading of the literature sent out by the promotion committee with headquarters in San Francisco is a pleasure and an education. There will be plenty of croakers perhaps to say that the promotion literature overstates the situation. Perhaps so, but we doubt it.

KILAUEA VOLCANO IN ERUPTION.

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At all events, the figures don't lie, and San Francisco has certainly put itself in the list of those cities that have "made good" in the face of frightful obstacles.

Of course all that applies to the State of California does not apply to the city of San Francisco, which has had great troubles of its own. Nevertheless the prosperity of the State is a guarantee of the stability of the chief city. And this theory holds as good in the Hawaiian Islands or any other part of the country. A knock-out campaign led by pessimistic drive can hold in check the most-favored community in the world. Optimism and the spirit of do-or-die will win against terrific odds.

According to the latest bulletin issued by the California Promotion Committee the year just closed has been a most prosperous one throughout the entire State. The farmers and fruit-growers have fared well, despite the occurrence of many severe frosts and the partial failure of the prune, peach and apricot crops. The general average was left behind by the increased prices for all other products.

Building operations throughout the State have never been so heavy as during this year, says the bulletin. San Francisco, not being alone in the increased number of structures above the usual yearly average which have been or are being built. The marked increase in the influx of settlers accounts for this abnormal activity in the building trades.

The following summary shows California conditions from November 29 to December 28, inclusive, and for the year 1907:

San Francisco building permits	\$3,910,085; year, \$58,970,541.
San Francisco building permits since the fire	\$93,276,605.
Los Angeles building permits	\$353,267; year, \$14,234,421.
Oakland building permits	\$290,579.
San Diego building permits, year	\$2,176,865.
San Francisco real estate sales	450; value, \$1,090,000; year, \$31,624,122.
San Francisco bank clearings	\$123,307,458.46; year, \$2,141,181,298.08.
San Francisco bank clearings December, 1906	\$196,216,734.68.
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Los Angeles bank clearings	\$29,522,636; year, \$577,569,639.48.
Oakland bank clearings	\$5,253,824.99; year, \$137,681,207.12.
San Jose bank clearings	\$1,682,445.97; year, \$28,889,386.81.
Sacramento bank clearings	\$3,112,572.76.
Stockton bank clearings	\$1,664,053.87.
San Francisco customs receipts	\$623,994.11; year, \$8,124,715.38.

MONEY DEPRESSION

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statistics and all the data which we wished to see, were thrown open to us, and we were given a full opportunity to study their methods of cultivation of cane and the manufacture of sugar.

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Hedemann has now so far recovered from his illness that he feels well in every respect, except that he has to use a cane. Mrs. Hedemann, who has accompanied him throughout his entire trip, also returned, as well as their daughter, Alice, who has been attending a private school at Los Angeles.

SPECIFICATIONS

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fected to a rigid inspection by the Department of Public Works, and if not as called for in the plans and specifications will be rejected.

The contractor shall employ none but workmen possessing the necessary skill, and all persons who shall prove careless or incompetent shall be immediately discharged by the contractor when notified by the Public Works Department.

The dam is to consist of an earth embankment containing a core wall well constructed of plank, timbers and concrete. The inner slope of the embankment shall be protected by a revetment of concrete paving. There is also to be a spillway and a rock fill.

The contractor is required to furnish all necessary tools, machinery of every class and character necessary to prosecute the work in a diligent and expeditious manner.

Such equipment now on the work and belonging to the Territory, and in such condition as it may be on the date of award, shall be at the disposal of the contractor for use in the work.

The contractor must file with his bid a statement showing the class, kind and character of the tools and machinery he intends to use in the construction of the work, and whether the same are in his possession or are to be purchased, with a statement as to time of delivery. He shall further submit the scheme or method of construction he intends to pursue in carrying out the work. All this information will be considered in awarding the contract.

The specifications provide that sluicing operations shall not commence until the rock fill has been completed to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Public Works.

The first work to be done under the contract is the construction of the extension of the waste tunnel.

The contractor shall be permitted at all times to use the entire run of water from the Lulumahu gulch. The entire work must be completed on or before February 1, 1909. Each tender must be accompanied by a certified check for \$5000, and the successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond for \$30,000. The work must be commenced within ten days from the awarding of the contract. Twenty per cent. is to be reserved from all payments, not to be payable until the work is fully completed and accepted by the Superintendent of Public Works.

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